

APPROVED
Village of Wesley Chapel
Safety Committee Minutes

May 13, 2010

Meeting Location: Fellowship Hall of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
120 Potter Road South
Wesley Chapel, North Carolina

Attendance: Tessie Morris, Chauncey Bowers, Karl Schneeberger, Donna Pascuita and
Councilwoman Kim Ormiston

Absent: Hank Pressley and Andy Combs

Guests: Carol Mullis

Minutes:

1. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
2. Minutes from March 18, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Kim Ormiston addressed the Safety Council and stressed the need for the council to have a strong voice on the Village Council. Kim states she supports having a contract deputy. There was a review of crime statistics regarding vehicle vandalism in Kim's neighborhood and how the Union County sheriff's office does not necessarily record all reported crimes. It was stated that Marvin currently has one contract deputy but wants to contract two more if the proposed annexation of additional land comes to fruition.
 - a) Specific to the contract deputy, in addition to Kim's support the effort received support from Tess and Donna. Chauncey mentioned potential obstacles with the contract program, primarily tied to not knowing what would be the scope of the deputy's responsibilities and what the deputy's role would be if other county priorities arise; i.e., first responder scenarios and the like. Chauncey did state that if the contract deputy item is viewed in terms of the five year plan than that could tip the scales for him. Karl is opposed and questioned what the village would receive for its \$72,000 that it currently does not receive from the Union County sheriff's support; perhaps the money could go to better use elsewhere in the Village budget. Karl also commented that if the proposal where to move forward the village should establish some benchmarks so there is documentation supporting crime reduction pre-deputy and post-deputy hiring.

- b) To the point regarding crime statistics, Chauncey cautioned questioning the validity of citizen reports versus officer reports in light of officers having to make judgment calls on what should/should not be reported.
- c) Kim also polled the Committee to get input on what each member sees as the role of the Safety Committee. Responses ranged from safety and protection to awareness and communication to public safety and formation of policy with focus on neighborhood officers, EMS and fire coverage. Tess read the goals and objectives of the Committee from when it was first formed.

4. New Business.

- a) It was agreed that a special session meeting should be convened for the purpose of formulating our plan for National Night Out (August 3, 2010). the meeting will be held June 15, 2010, 7:30PM, at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church and to be discussed will be community involvement, sponsors, Ident-A-Kid, fire trucks, EMS, handouts, awareness, the size of the event and the budget for the event.
- b) The Committee was asked to comment on any ordinances specifically targeted for safety. However it was noted that there currently are no ordinances related to safety issues.
- c) Do we want to move the meeting night? It was agreed that the meeting nights would be moved to the fourth Thursday.

5. Additional New Business

- a) None

6. The next meeting is the special session meeting on June 15th. The next general meeting is to be announced on June 15th, 2010.

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl R. Schneeberger
Recording Secretary